

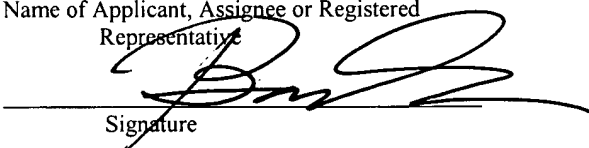
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I. U.S. PATENTS

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,068,088 to Hall et al., issued November 16, 1991.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,093,268 to Leventis et al., issued March 3, 1992.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,466,416 to Ghaed et al., issued November 14, 1995
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,589,136 to Northrup et al., issued December 31, 1996.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,705,402 to Leland et al., issued January 6, 1998.
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7. U.S. Patent No. 5,993,740 to Niiyama et al., issued November 30, 1999.
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,136,268 to Ale-Kleme et al., issued October 24, 2000.

II. FOREIGN PATENT PUBLICATIONS

1. EP 1 275 966 A1 to Hitachi, Ltd., published January 15, 2003.

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